

Summary of the lesson

This story is written by Washington Irving . Washington Irving (1783- 1859) was born in New York City. At the age of nineteen, he started writing letters to the newspaper, Morning Chronicle. His most famous stories are The Legend of Sleepy Hollow and Rip Van Winkle.

The story 'Adventure of mason' is a story about a poor mason who lived in a city in Spain known as Granada. He was extremely poor and scarcely could earn a bread for his large family.

One day he was roused from his sleep by a knock on his door. There stood a man who offered him a job and promised to pay him properly. He told him that he should work in the midnight and told that he must be blindfolded.

The mason agreed and he was carried to the place by the man and he was told to build a vault and he filled it with jars of gold. The mason finished the work and used the money he earned for a fortnight, but he became poor after that.

One-day landlord came to his house and asked him to repair a house for a very cheap cost and says that the house is haunted. The mason agreed and told him that he will stay in the house and repair it.

He recognized the house as the one where he had built the vault and filled it with money. Slowly he started becoming rich.

Read to understand

Answers:

- A. 1. The tall, thin, cadaverous- looking man (first landlord) said this to mason.
 2. The mason's hair rose on his head and he trembled with fright.
 3. No, the mason, instead of seeing dead bodies, saw three or four portly jars standing in one corner.
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- B. 1. The mason was poor because he was in the habit of spending all his income on enjoying himself and did not save anything for future. This can be gauged from the fact that he spent the gold that he received from the stranger on a fortnight of revelry. Thereafter he was poor again.

2. The mason seems to have agreed to being blindfolded because the stranger agreed to pay

him well for the work he was about to do.

3. The mason was a clever man. He grabbed the opportunity to become rich by offering to live in and repair the house where he knew the miser's gold was hidden. There he completed his job but also took the gold with him.

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1. The task is two-thirds completed.
2. A well-rehearsed band played the national anthem.
3. I shall go for my much-needed haircut this weekend.
4. Five-rupee notes are going out of circulation now.
5. The Qutub Minar has three hundred seventy-eight steps.
6. It is a well-known fact that she is a highly efficient worker.
7. The eighty-odd-year-old man could not be working for his living.
8. We sorted the one-side-used papers to use for our math practice.
9. The good-natured old woman will be seventy-three years old this July.
10. The sure-footed goat was already up the hill while we were still struggling.

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Listen to and say these compound words aloud. Underline the part that is stressed in each word.

<u>Day</u>	<u>death</u>	<u>handed</u>
<u>Eye</u>	<u>made</u>	<u>land</u>
<u>See</u>	<u>free</u>	<u>spoken</u>
<u>Take</u>	<u>grade</u>	<u>draw</u>

Underline the phrases in these sentences. Write N for noun phrases, Aj for adjective phrases and Av for adverb phrases.

1. After an interval – Av
2. with a big smile - Av
3. a look of disbelief - N
4. with red buttons - Adj
5. A letter from your uncle- N

6. a gentle breeze - N

7. The children of the colony - N

8. a man of about forty years. - Adj

